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TRIAD TEACHER TRAINING **2008-2009**

During the 2008-2009 school year, the TN DOE will again collaborate with TRIAD of Vanderbilt to provide teacher training to those staff who work with children with autism.

The training consists of three days of hands-on experience with children who have autism, plus the opportunity to receive a site visit in the trainee's setting within two months of their training. Training topics include characteristics, assessment, methodologies, communication, and behavior. Applicants can include general and special education teachers, speech-language therapists, related service personnel, behavior consultants, or other school personnel involved in educating students with autism. (Paraprofessionals who work with a student with autism will have a separate two-day training in the fall of 2008. Please check the DOE website for details.)

Trainings take place in either Nashville or Murfreesboro, and participants must attend all three days to be eligible for the site visit and certificate. During 2008-2009, trainings offered will include Basic K-6, Basic Middle/High School, and Advanced K-12. Persons should apply early and for the grade level they teach. **Please do not assume you will attend simply because you return the form.** You will be notified four weeks in advance if you are accepted.

There is **no cost** for the training or materials. The only cost to participants is transportation, food, and lodging, (if needed). Participants must fill out an application and be accepted. A maximum of two people from the same system can be accepted for the same training. Special education directors who have interested staff may contact Linda Copas in the Division of Special Education at (615)-741-7790 for an application, or e-mail her at Linda.Copas@state.tn.us

Training dates are:

September 24-26, 2008	Basic K-6	Murfreesboro
October 29-31, 2008	Basic 7-12	Nashville
November 19-21, 2008	Basic K-6	Murfreesboro
January 14-16, 2009	Advanced K-12	Nashville
February 18-20, 2009	Basic K-6	Murfreesboro

March 25-27, 2009

Basic 7-12

Nashville